CERTIFICATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE RULES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE FILED WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE KAREN HANDEL

(Pursuant to O.C.G.A. §§ 50-13-3, 50-13-4 and 50-13-6.)

I do hereby certify that the attached Rule is a correct copy as promulgated and adopted on the Zo of August, 2009.

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

Filing Date: <u>Awust</u> 70, 2009.

The Georgia Department of Revenue has adopted:

Rule 560-8-3-.07, entitled "Cigarettes – Tax Stamping Methods and Discounts – Distributor."

The aforementioned Rule is being adopted under the authority of O.C.G.A. §§ 48-2-12, and 48-11-3.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of _August_____, 2009.

(Signature of Notary Public) (Notary Public Seal) Bart L. Graham Commissioner

Georgia Department of Revenue

Notary Public, Rockdale County, Georgia My Commission Expires Nov. 19, 2012

RULES OF DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO DIVISION

CHAPTER 560-8-3 DISTRIBUTOR PROVISIONS

560-8-3-.07 Cigarettes – Tax Stamping Methods and Discounts – Distributor.

- (1) Licensed Distributors of cigarettes shall use only tax stamping methods and tax stamps approved by the Commissioner.
- (2) The Commissioner adopts one uniform single bracket for discounts concerning cigarette stamps.
- (3) For the single bracket licensed distributors of cigarettes shall be allowed to:
- (a) Purchase cigarette tax stamps at a discount of three and one-half percent of the face value of the cigarette stamps purchased.

- (4) Licensed Distributors shall affix a certain color cigarette tax stamp, specified by the Commissioner, to a specific category of cigarette products. The categories are:
- (a) Cigarette products produced by a manufacturer listed as a participant for tobacco manufacture and brand compliance for Master Settlement Agreement as set forth on the Georgia Attorney General's website.
- (b) Cigarette products produced by a manufacturer listed as a non-participant for tobacco manufacture and brand compliance for Master Settlement Agreement as set forth on the Georgia Attorney General's website.
- (5) The primary color(s) of the cigarette tax stamps in subparagraph (4)(b) shall be different from the primary color(s) of the cigarette tax stamps in sub paragraph (4)(a) of this Regulation.
- (6) All cigarette tax stamps issued by the Department shall conform to this Regulation beginning April 1, 2009.

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(7) Failure to apply the appropriate cigarette tax stamp as

provided for in this Regulation shall result in administrative

action by the Department including revocation or suspension

of license.

Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 48-2-12 and 48-11-3.